

Tactical Hand-Held Radio



DESCRIPTION

The Tactical Hand-Held Radio (THHR), which is also designated as the AN/PRC-148(V)(C), is a small, secure device that provides Marine Corps units with a standardized and maintainable radio to support the communications requirements of small units (platoon, squad, and team). The THHR operates in the AM and FM bands, contains embedded communications security, and is interoperable with other radio systems, such as Single-Channel Ground and Airborne Radio System (SINCGARS) and HaveQuick II, in the single-channel mode and frequency-hopping modes.

OPERATIONAL IMPACT

The THHR is an interim system. Legacy tactical hand-held equipment within

the Marine Corps had exceeded its expected life span and was rarely used. As a result, the hand-held units primarily consisted of locally purchased, commercially available radios that were not interoperable with Marine Corps combat net radios. The THHR has consolidated and exceeded legacy capabilities, lightened the combat load of individual Marines and small units, and reduced tactical hand-held radio operating costs.

PROGRAM STATUS

The THHR is in the Production and Deployment Phase (Milestone C). The Marine Corps is developing the THHR with the U.S. Special Operations Command (USSOCOM). USSOCOM currently has a production contract in place that facilitates joint acquisition with the Marine Corps, with fielding that commenced in 2001. The Marine Corps' approved acquisition objective (AAO) is 5,620 radios. A THHR AAO increase is expected to 10,121.

Procurement Profile:	FY 06	FY 07
Quantity:	580	0
Developer/Manufacturer:		
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